

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1, 3-5, 7-25, and 27-30 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Please amend Claims 2, 6, and 26 as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1, further A~~
method of performing setup operations on a finishing device connected to an electrophotographic printer, the printer having a printer user interface, the method comprising the steps of:

entering a print job into the printer, the print job including setup instructions for at least one finishing device written as an operator message;

automatically printing an instruction sheet listing setup operations to be performed prior to completing the print job;

automatically placing all pending print jobs on hold;

performing the setup operations listed on the printed instruction sheet;

entering a release code to thereby release the print job from hold and allow the printer to complete the print job;

a) accessing a database of setup instructions that are to be performed on the at least one finishing device;

b) retrieving a file from the database containing instructions for a specified finishing device;

c) reading the file; and

d) translating the file into a page description file that is rasterized and incorporated into the printed instruction sheet.

3. – 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 5, further A~~
method of performing setup operations on a finishing device connected to an
electrophotographic printer, the printer having a printer user interface, the method
comprising the steps of:

entering a print job into the printer, the print job including setup
instructions for at least one finishing device written as an operator message;

automatically printing an instruction sheet listing setup operations
to be performed prior to completing the print job;

automatically placing on hold all pending print jobs that specify
the finishing device;

performing the setup operations listed on the printed instruction
sheet;

entering a release code to thereby release the print job from hold
and allow the printer to complete the print job;

a) accessing a database of setup instruction that are to be
performed on the at least one finishing device;

b) retrieving a file from the database containing instructions for a
specified finishing device;

c) reading the file; and

d) translating the file into a page description file that is rasterized
and incorporated into the printed instruction sheet.

7. – 25. (Cancelled)

26. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The method of claim 25, further A~~
method of coordinating a printer and an associated finishing device that is
connected to the printer, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, at the printer, a first print job, the first print job
including received setup instructions for at least one finishing device that is
associated with the first print job;

printing an instruction sheet in response to receiving the received
setup instructions, the instruction sheet listing setup operations associated with the
first print job, the setup operations to be performed on the at least one finishing
device prior to completing the first print job;

placing at least the first print job on hold;

receiving a release code to release the print job from hold and
allow the printer to complete the first print job;

accessing a database of internal setup instructions that are to be
performed on the at least one finishing device, the internal setup instructions
being associated with the received setup instructions;

retrieving a file from the database containing instructions for the at
least one finishing device; and

translating the file into a page description file that is rasterized and
incorporated into the printed instruction sheet.

27. – 30. **(Cancelled)**